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Comments: The North Shore is a wonderful place, full of natural splendor, wonderful people and amazing opportunities for outdoor recreation including cross County skiing, snowshoeing, hikeing and sunrise watching. Part of what makes the north shore so special comes from the fact that it's not over-developed and you can quickly move from parking lots and state parks to rocky shorelines and woods. Greatly expanding Lutzen mountain ski area could easily threaten this balance and careful developmental planning must happen to ensure what makes the north shore special to many Minnesota's and attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists dollars isn't sacrificed in the name of expansion and growth. Many small town and areas of greater Minnesota are currently struggling, and failing to maintain their rustic field which attracts so many tourists in hopes of temporarily monetizing short term growth. It is short sighted and narrow minded. This project threatens to do the same to the Lutzen area.

Moose, mystical and other sawtooth peaks around the area are known and loved by users of The Superior National Forest as the wonderful public land that it is. Allowing the development of this area by Lutzen will reduce accessibility to these areas and negatively impact them in terms of both ecological and recreational values making it unusable for the people and organisms which use it today.

Finally a large development of public lands, if the lands are developed, should be done by an organization which supports the local community in addition to those who visit the location. Lutzen Resort is no longer this kind of corporation. Within the past couple of years Lutzen has really stopped supporting the individuals working for the company and they no longer support the local community in the same way that they used to. If, as an organization, they can't be trusted to provide a just, equitable and respectful working environment for their staff nor a supportive environment for the surrounding community, why should the public trust them in the oversight of a section of our wonderful public lands. It seems foolish and naive to expect them to treat the land they hope to secure and public access to that location any better than they treat their staff and the surrounding North Shore community members.